

Board Administration and Regulatory Coordination Unit

Division 3. Air Resources Board

Chapter 1. Air Resources Board

Subchapter 1. Administrative Procedures

Article 1. Board Meetings and Hearings

§ 60005. Staff Reports.

(a) Where a public hearing is required by law or where the action contemplated may have a significant effect on the environment, a staff report, together with the proposed rule, regulation, order, standard or plan shall be prepared and published by the staff of the state board. For rulemaking proceedings governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, the staff report shall be published at least 45 days before the date of the public hearing. For all other such proceedings, the staff report shall be published as early as reasonably practicable prior to the proceeding. Staff reports shall be available for public review and comment and shall be distributed to all governmental agencies having jurisdiction by law over the proposed activity and to persons who have requested such reports.

(b) It is the policy of the state board to prepare staff reports in a manner consistent with the environmental protection purposes of the state board's regulatory program and with the goals and policies of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). All staff reports shall contain a description of the proposed action, an assessment of anticipated significant long or short term adverse and beneficial environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and a succinct analysis of those impacts. The analysis shall address feasible mitigation measures and feasible alternatives to the proposed action which would substantially reduce any significant adverse impact identified.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600 and 39601, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 21080.5, Public Resources Code.

REFERENCE